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Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Wahlstrom-Ramler, Meghan <Wahlstrom-Ramler.Meghan@epa.gov>
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Dear Ms Wahlstrom-Ramler:

Regarding the proposed offshore fish farm 45 miles from Sarasota, Kampachi Farms, I advise a slow and prudent course, with time to investigate more fully the environmental impacts.

Florida's tourism industry relies heavily on pristine waters. This wire mesh pen is the very first to be proposed in Federal waters in the continental USA. As a pilot project in the Gulf of Mexico, there is very minimal long-term science about impacts on either the water or our crucial local fishing industry..

Several groups have raised important concerns and made reasonable recommendations. Both Canada and Denmark have switched to land-based fish farming over ocean-based.

I support the cautious approach recommended by Justin Bloom of Suncoast Waterkeepers.

Yours truly,
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